



## STATE MARSHAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, Senator Kissel, Representative Fishbein and members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. No. 6816 *AN ACT CONCERNING MICROSTAMPING-ENABLED PISTOLS, RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION AND RESTRICTING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF BODY ARMOR.*

State Marshals are sworn public officials and peace officers under the General Statutes. Among State Marshal's many statutory duties, they are responsible for enforcing civil court orders, such as evictions, seizure of property, and arresting individuals under capias arrest warrants. State Marshals also serve all our state's restraining and civil protective orders. These matters can be volatile and dangerous.

We have concerns regarding Sections 6 & 7 of the bill, as it would directly impact State Marshals' ability to not only purchase new body armor, but to possess and utilize the body armor they currently own. State Marshals currently possess and utilize body armor when engaged in the above responsibilities for the state.

This is also of personal concern for us because one of our State Marshals was shot in 2009 in Bridgeport by an individual when marshals attempted to effectuate an arrest.

If the Committee moves forward with this legislation, we would ask that State Marshals be included in the body armor exemption language in both sections. We look forward to working with the Committee to assure the safety our State Marshals as they fulfill their duties for the State of Connecticut.

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